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PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No: 15568.18

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	)	
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John Derek Guest	)	
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Serial No.: 10/688,360	)	Art Unit
	)	3753
Filed: October 17, 2003	)	
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Confirmation No.: 2278	)	
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For: TEMPORARY CLOSURE DEVICES	)	
AND TUBE COUPLINGS INCORPORATING	)	
SUCH DEVICES	)	
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Examiner: Ramesh Krishnamurthy	)	

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

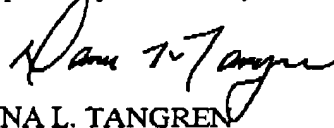
Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated December 7, 2005, in the above-identified patent application be extended for one-month until April 7, 2006.

Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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